

ARAFAT in Camps War

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ARAFAT-LEBANON

PLO CHAIRMAN PREDICTS ISRAELI INVASION OF SIDON

JIDDA, SAUDI ARABIA (AP) - PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT PREDICTED AN INVASION OF THE SOUTHERN LEBANESE TOWN OF SIDON THIS SUMMER AS ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN BATTLES CONTINUE TO HEAT UP, A NEWSPAPER REPORTED WEDNESDAY.

THE ARAB NEWS, AN ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER HEADQUARTERED IN JIDDA, SAID ARAFAT MADE THE PREDICTION AT A MEETING WITH PALESTINIAN WORKERS LIVING HERE FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH SAUDI ARABIAN KING FAHD ON MONDAY.

ARAFAT SAID THE INVASION WAS PART OF A PLAN WORKED OUT IN 1981 BY THEN-U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE ALEXANDER HAIG AND THE ISRAELI DEFENSE MINISTER ARIEL SHARON.

THE PLO LEADER, WHO WAS IN SAUDI ARABIA ON A TOUR OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA TO EXPLAIN AND PROMOTE THE REUNIFICATION MOVES BY PALESTINIAN FACTIONS DURING THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL'S APRIL MEETING, LINKED THE ALLEGED PLANS FOR THE TAKING OF SIDON WITH ATTACKS BY ISRAEL ON LEBANON SINCE 1982.

THE 1982 INVASION OF SOUTHERN LEBANON AND THE BOMBING OF ITS CAPITAL BEIRUT, LED TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF MOST PLO AND OTHER PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS, ALTHOUGH SOME HAVE SINCE RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY.

THEIR RETURN HAS SPARKED SOME BITTER BATTLES WITH SOME LEBANESE MILITIAS, INCLUDING A SIEGE OF PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS. OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS, ISRAELI ALSO HAS BEEN BOMBING PALESTINIAN TARGETS IN SIDON.

"HE (ARAFAT) SAID SHARON TOLD HAIG THAT THE BEST WAY TO DESTROY THE 'PALESTINIAN CORE' WAS THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS BOMBING OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON," ARAB NEWS SAID.

ARAFAT TOLD THE MEETING THAT THE FAILURE OF ISRAELI OFFICIALS TO CAPTURE PLO LEADERS HELPED LEAD TO ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER MENACHEM BEGIN'S RETIREMENT, THE PAPER SAID.

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ARAFAT-LEBANON

ARAFAT DUBS LEBANON'S ENDING OF GUERRILLA ACCORD 'ILLEGAL'
KUWAIT (AP) - PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADER YASSER
ARAFAT ON SUNDAY DISMISSED AS "'ILLEGAL"' LEBANON'S ABROGATION OF
THE 1969 ACCORD THAT REGULATES THE PALESTINIAN ARMED PRESENCE
THERE.

"'NOBODY CAN ABROGATE THE CAIRO AGREEMENT BECAUSE IT IS A
PAN-ARAB ACCORD, A UNANIMOUS ARAB DECISION,'" HE TOLD REPORTERS IN
AN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AT KUWAIT AIRPORT.

"'THEREFORE 44 (LEBANESE PARLIAMENT) DEPUTIES CANNOT TERMINATE
THAT AGREEMENT.'"

RESPONDING TO A QUESTION, ARAFAT WARNED THAT THE ANNULMENT OF
THE AGREEMENT WAS INTENDED TO "'BARE PALESTINIAN CAMPS (IN LEBANON)
AS A PRELUDE TO AN ISRAELI OR NON-ISRAELI STRIKE.'"

HE SAID ABOUT FOUR ISRAELI BRIGADES WERE BEING MASSED IN
LEBANESE REGIONS BETWEEN JEZZINE AND MARJAYOUN, WITH 100 WARPLANES
AND LANDING CRAFT DEPLOYED NORTH OF THE ISRAELI PORT OF HAIFA IN
PREPARATION FOR A LARGE-SCALE ANTI-PALESTINIAN OPERATION.

ARAFAT SAID HE SENT A MEMORANDUM ABOUT THIS PURPORTED ATTACK
PLAN TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL.

THE GUERRILLA CHIEFTAIN WAS TO DISCUSS WITH KUWAITI LEADERS THE
LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT AND THE IRAN-IRAQ
WAR, PLO SOURCES SAID, WITHOUT ELABORATING.

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ARAFAT

PLO LEADER EXASPERATED AT LACK OF HELP IN LEBANON

PARIS (AP) - PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT, IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED WEDNESDAY, DEMANDED THAT THE UNITED NATIONS TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT THE PALESTINIANS UNDER SIEGE IN LEBANON OR PROVIDE THE PLO WITH THE MEANS OF DOING SO ITSELF.

"LET THE UNITED NATIONS ASSURE THE PROTECTION OF MY PEOPLE OR GIVE ME THE MEANS OF DOING SO," THE PLO LEADER SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PARIS NEWSPAPER LE MONDE.

"WHEN I LEFT BEIRUT IN 1982, I LEFT THE CITY IN THE HANDS OF THE U.N. OBSERVERS AND THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE MADE UP OF THE FRENCH, ITALIANS, AMERICANS AND BRITISH," HE SAID.

THE ISRAELI ARMY INVADED LEBANON IN JUNE 1982, AND AFTER NEARLY THREE MONTHS OF FIGHTING, FORCED ARAFAT AND THOUSANDS OF HIS FIGHTERS TO WITHDRAW FROM BEIRUT. THE FOUR-NATION MULTINATIONAL FORCE SUPERVISED THE PULLOUT.

FOR THE PAST FOUR MONTHS, PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT AND SOUTH LEBANON HAVE BEEN UNDER SIEGE BY SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAMEN. THE PALESTINIANS ARE REPORTED TO HAVE RUN OUT OF FOOD AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND HAVE BEEN REDUCED TO EATING RATS.

ACCORDING TO LE MONDE, ARAFAT WAVED THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT SIGNED BY AMERICAN MEDIATOR PHILIP HABIB WHICH GUARANTEED THE SECURITY OF PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS AFTER THE PLO WITHDRAWAL.

"WHAT IS THIS IF NOT AN AGREEMENT WRITTEN AND SIGNED BY A SUPERPOWER AND THREE GREAT EUROPEAN POWERS?" HE ASKED.

"THERE ARE OBSERVERS FROM THE UNITED NATIONS IN BEIRUT WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO WATCH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE CAMPS," ARAFAT SAID. "THEY ARE 200 METERS FROM CHATILLA AND EVERY DAY COUNT THE SHELLS THAT FALL ON THE CAMP. HAVE THEY MADE A SINGLE DECLARATION?"

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ARAFAT SAID THERE WERE 6,000 SOLDIERS IN THE U.N. INTERIM FORCE IN LEBANON AND THE RASHIDIEH REFUGEE CAMP IN SOUTH LEBANON IS ONLY TWO KILOMETERS FROM ONE OF THE U.N. HEADQUARTERS, WHICH COULD GIVE THE ORDER TO INTERVENE.

THE FOUR COUNTRIES OF THE MULTINATIONAL FORCE, WHICH PULLED OUT IN 1984, COULD DEMAND A MEETING OF THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL AND SEND IN U.N. TROOPS, HE SAID. "THAT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY."

THE CAMPS WAR IN LEBANON, HE SAID, IS "A CRIME, A GENOCIDE SIMILAR TO THAT WHICH MOTIVATED THE NUREMBERG TRIALS. IT IS A HUMANITARIAN PROBLEM."

ARAFAT CLAIMED THERE WAS A "SYRIAN-ISRAELI PLOT" AGAINST THE PALESTINIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON. THE ISRAELIS, HE SAID, "HAVE INTERCEPTED 13 SHIPS THAT I SENT WITH FOOD AND MEDICINE."

THE PLO LEADER ACCUSED SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, WHO SUPPORTS THE AMAL MILITIA ATTACKING THE CAMPS, OF LYING AND RENEGING ON A DEAL ARRANGED BY A SPECIAL ARAB LEAGUE COMMITTEE.

"HAFEZ EL-ASSAD MADE A FOOL OF THE ARAB MEDIATORS WHO WENT TO SYRIA AND LEBANON," HE SAID. "WE WITHDREW FROM (THE LEBANESE VILLAGE OF) MAGHDOUCHE. NOTHING HAPPENED. HAFEZ EL-ASSAD LIED TO THEM. HE PROMISED THAT THE AGREEMENT WOULD BE APPLIED, JUST LONG ENOUGH TO GET BY THE ISLAMIC SUMMIT IN KUWAIT."

HE SAID HE HAD NO ILLUSIONS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ARAB FORCE BEING SENT TO INTERVENE IN LEBANON. "THERE MUST BE AN ARAB SUMMIT TO DECIDE THAT." AND IT HAS BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO ORGANIZE AN ARAB SUMMIT IN RECENT YEARS BECAUSE OF VARIOUS INTER-ARAB CONFLICTS.

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ARAFAT APPEALS TO ARAB LEADERS

TUNIS, TUNISIA (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT, HEAD OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, WROTE TO ARAB LEADERS FRIDAY ASKING THEM TO HELP STOP WHAT HE CALLED A "MASSACRE" OF PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS IN LEBANON, A PALESTINIAN SOURCE SAID.

THE SOURCE, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID ARAFAT'S LETTER WARNED THAT "CONTINUATION OF THE MASSACRE WILL NOT FAIL TO HAVE NEGATIVE REPERCUSSIONS FOR THE PALESTINIANS AND FOR LEBANON, AS WELL AS FOR THE ARAB WORLD."

IN HIS LETTER, ARAFAT SAID PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN LEBANON HAVE BEEN HIT FROM ALL SIDES -- ISRAELI AVIATION, SHIITE AMAL MILITIAS, THE FIRST AND SIXTH BRIGADES OF THE LEBANESE ARMY AND SYRIAN ARTILLERY.

"THE MASSACRE IS EVEN MORE UNJUSTIFIED BECAUSE THE PLO HAS WITHDRAWN ITS MEN FROM THE VILLAGE OF MAGHDOUSEH, AS THE SYRIAN REGIME AND THE AMAL BANDS DEMANDED," ARAFAT WROTE, ACCORDING TO THE PALESTINIAN SOURCE.

THE PALESTINIANS AND TROOPS OF THE AMAL SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIA HAVE BEEN FIGHTING SINCE LATE NOVEMBER AROUND THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN SOUTHERN LEBANON. MAGHDOUSEH OVERLOOKS THE REFUGEE CAMPS MIEH MIEH AND EIN HILWEH AND A COASTAL HIGHWAY.

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ARAFAT

PLO LEADER CALLS FOR UNITY OF ALL PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS
TUNIS, TUNISIA (AP) - PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION
CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT, IN A MESSAGE WEDNESDAY ON THE 22ND
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BEGINNING OF THE ARMED PALESTINIAN STRUGGLE,
CALLED FOR THE UNIFICATION OF ALL PALESTINIAN FACTIONS.

"THE UNITY OBSERVED BY THE PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS DURING THE
ORDEAL OF THE WAR OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS IN LEBANON MUST BE THE
REFERENCE AND THE BASIS OF THE UNIFICATION OF THE STRUCTURES OF THE
PLO, WHICH REMAINS CONVINCED THAT THE ROAD TO PALESTINE PASSES BY
THAT OF UNITY," ARAFAT SAID IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE
PALESTINIAN NEWS AGENCY WAFA.

HE STRESSED THE URGENCY OF THE RESTORATION OF UNITY AS THE
"GUARANTOR OF THE EVOLUTION AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE
RESISTANCE MOVEMENT IN THE FACE OF THE ISRAELI-AMERICAN PLOT AIMED
AT A BALKANIZATION OF THE ARAB WORLD, EXECUTED BY THE SHIITE AMAL
MILITIAMEN, SUPPORTED BY THE SYRIAN REGIME."

HE PAID HONAGE TO ALGERIA, THE SOVIET UNION AND OTHER
"FRIENDLY FORCES" FOR HAVING CONTRIBUTED TO THE RECONCILIATION OF
SOME PALESTINIAN GROUPS. HE URGED ALL PALESTINIAN GROUPS "TO
ASSUME THEIR NATIONAL AND HISTORIC RESPONSIBILITY AND TO RESTORE
URGENTLY THE UNITY OF THE PLO AND THE PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE."

HE ALSO PRAISED THE FACT THAT "THOSE WHO LIVED THE EPIC OF
BEIRUT OF THE SUMMER OF 1982 IN CAUSING THE FAILURE OF THE ISRAELI
WAR MACHINE WERE ABLE TODAY TO OUTCLASS - IN DEFENDING THEIR
EXISTENCE IN LEBANON - THE CRIMINAL BANDS OF AMAL."

ARAFAT AFFIRMED "THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO
DEFEND THEIR CAMPS AND THE PROVISIONAL PRESENCE IN THIS COUNTRY."

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MANAMA - LEAD ARAFAT-GULF 2

ONLY SEVEN FOREIGN MINISTERS ATTENDED AN EARLIER MEETING IN TUNIS LAST WEEK.

ARAFAT, FATAH'S LEADER, NOW IS SEEKING TO MAKE SURE THAT AS MANY MINISTERS AS POSSIBLE FROM THE LEAGUE'S 21 MEMBER STATES ATTEND THE SECOND MEETING AND THAT IT WILL HAVE DECISION-MAKING POWERS.

ZARNOON SAID HE WAS ASSURED BY SHEIK ZAYED THAT THE U.A.E. WAS 'READY TO EXERT EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING THE BLOODY EVENTS IN LEBANON TO A HALT.'

ZARNOON WAS EARLIER IN QATAR AND SECURED THE SIMILAR SUPPORT FROM LEADERS THERE.

QATAR WAS ONE OF THE SEVEN COUNTRIES REPRESENTED BY FOREIGN MINISTERS AT LAST WEEK'S TUNIS MEETING.

EARLIER WEDNESDAY, ARAFAT SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF BAHRAIN'S RULER, SHEIK ISA BIN SALMAN AL-KHALIFA.

SHEIK ISA, 2ND GRAF ARAFAT-GULF NCB050.

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ARAFAT-GULF

PLO CHIEF CAMPAIGNS FOR SUPPORT AMONG GULF LEADERS

MANAMA, BAHRAIN (AP) - PLO LEADER YASSER ARAFAT WEDNESDAY SOUGHT THE SUPPORT OF BAHRAIN'S RULER, SHEIK ISA BIN SALMAN AL KHALIFA, TO HELP GUARANTEE A CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN HIS FIGHTERS AND SHIITE MOSLEMS IN LEBANON.

SHEIK ISA WAS HANDED A MESSAGE FROM ARAFAT, WHO HAS BEEN SEEKING ARAB SUPPORT TO CEMENT THE FRAGILE TRUCE IN LEBANON THAT HAS HALTED MORE THAN THREE WEEKS OF BLOODY FIGHTING AROUND PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS.

THE MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED BY ARAFAT'S POLITICAL ADVISOR, HANI AL-HASSAN, WHO LATER PRAISED SHEIK ISA'S "POSITIVE RESPONSE" TO THE MESSAGE. HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

AL-HASSAN TOLD REPORTERS HE WILL ALSO MEET WITH BAHRAIN'S FOREIGN MINISTER, SHEIK MOHAMMED BIN MUBARAK, "TO DISCUSS MEASURES WHICH SHOULD BE TAKEN TO END THE TRAGIC SITUATION IN THE PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN LEBANON."

AL-HASSAN CAME FROM SAUDI ARABIA WHERE HE DELIVERED A SIMILAR MESSAGE TO KING FAHD TUESDAY.

ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, IS LEADER OF FATAH, THE MAIN PLO GUERRILLA FACTION.

FATAH AND OTHER FACTIONS HAVE BEEN BATTLING SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE ANAL MILITIAMEN AROUND THE CAMPS IN BEIRUT AND SOUTH LEBANON. ANAL SEEKS TO CRUSH EFFORTS BY ARAFAT TO REBUILD THE POWER BASE HE LOST IN ISRAEL'S 1982 INVASION.

ARAFAT'S SECOND-IN-COMMAND, SALAH KHALAF, HAS CALLED ON ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS TO SET UP A COMMITTEE TO CEMENT THE CEASE-FIRE AND ENSURE THAT "MASSACRES" OF PALESTINIANS IN THE CAMPS ARE HALTED.

THE MINISTERS FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT LAST WEEK. THEY ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET AGAIN AT THE ARAB LEAGUE HEADQUARTERS IN TUNIS DEC.22.

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